School Update

Bourne Elsea Park CofE Primary Academy

Friday 7th November 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear parents/carers

I hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break. It's wonderful to see the school full of energy again as we begin another exciting term together.

Before we look ahead, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the fantastic experiences from Term 1. From coastal adventures and creative projects to scientific discoveries and moments of spiritual reflection, it truly was a term to remember. Our pupils have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness throughout, and we couldn't be prouder of all they've achieved.

Harvest Celebrations



We celebrated Harvest with two joyful services, one for Years 4 to 6 in Bourne Abbey Church alongside Bourne Abbey school, and another for Years 1 to 3 in school. During the joint Elsea Park and Bourne Abbey service at Abbey Church, Father Stephen encouraged us to appreciate the work, technology, and nature behind every meal and to give thanks.

In school, the hall was filled with cheerful singing of *"Cauliflowers Fluffy"* and *"We Are One,"* and the children were delighted to discover that a pumpkin is actually a fruit! Thank you to all families for your generous donations to the Bourne Food Bank. Your kindness is truly making a difference in our community.

Year 6 Residential to Whitby



Our Year 6 children alongside Year 6 children from Colsterworth Primary returned from an unforgettable four-day residential trip to Whitby, brimming with stories and smiles. From the top of the iconic 199 steps, they explored the winding lanes of the East Cliff, walked through Dracula's tunnel, and stood beneath the famous whale bone arch.

The children took part in a fascinating jet-polishing workshop led by a local specialist, learning how this unique gemstone is crafted into jewellery and even had a go at polishing their own piece. They also visited the lobster hatchery, lifeboat station, enjoyed scenic coastal walks, and tucked into traditional fish and chips on the beach. Their behaviour was impeccable, and we couldn't be prouder of how they represented our school. It was truly a magical experience where new friendships were formed and lifelong memories made.

Celebrating Success - Primary Science Quality Mark and Music Mark of Recognition

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) — a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates our commitment to excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching, and learning.

In addition, following a recommendation from the Lincolnshire Music Service, we have also been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement, acknowledging the high value we place on music within our school community.

A huge thank you to Mrs Evans and Mrs Trafford, our science leaders, and to Ms Davey, who leads music across the school, for their passion and hard work. We also extend our thanks to Mr Roberts for his ongoing support in teaching and learning. Your dedication and commitment have been instrumental in achieving these wonderful recognitions.

Virtual Authors



Year 3 had an exciting virtual author visit with Swapna Haddow, author of *The Terrible Trio: The (Not So) Superheroes*, and illustrator Minky Stapleton. The children enjoyed listening to parts of the story, joined in a fun draw-along to create their own unique animals, and had the chance to listen to an engaging Q&A session. It was a fantastic opportunity for the class to explore creativity and learn more about the world of writing and illustration.

Year 5 also got to virtually meet one of their favourite authors — Hannah Gold! She told the children all about her incredible books and gave them a sneak peek at her brand-new story, The Lone Husky, set in a chilly, snow-covered world. Hannah's illustrator, Levi Pinfold, also showed them how he uses technology to create his stunning artwork — so inspiring!

New Developments

At our school, we deeply value positive and respectful communication with families. To support this, we have developed a document titled *Working Together*, which outlines our framework and expectations for constructive and collaborative communication between school and home. We believe that strong partnerships with parents are key to supporting every child's success, and this document reflects our commitment to working together in a positive and proactive way.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 11th November Year 5 are looking forward to a second exciting trip to Southwell Workhouse, where they'll step back in time to experience what life was like in Victorian England. Pupils will explore the historic building, take part in hands-on activities, and discover what daily life was like for children and families during the Victorian era.

Get ready — Switch-Off Fortnight is nearly here! Over the next two weeks, we'll be learning how to save energy and help protect our planet by remembering to switch off lights, computers, and equipment when they're not in use.

A parental survey will be coming shortly to give you the opportunity to share your views on our school, your child's learning, and the support we provide. Your feedback helps us improve teaching, learning, and the school experience for all children. Please keep an eye out — we look forward to hearing from you!

Kindest regards,



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